

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 40, with the following amended paragraph:

We have also found that the problem of unwanted hydrolysis of beta-diketoester reactable groups in the dispersants can be greatly reduced by protecting such groups by reversibly capping the beta-diketoester with a mono-functional amine to form a dispersant having at least one enamine/ketimine group. It will be understood by those skilled in the art that the enamine and ketimine groups are tautomers of each other. These tautomeric forms are in dynamic equilibrium with each other. When a dispersant having beta-diketoester groups is capped with a mono-functional amine the product is a mixture of dispersant molecules having on average beta-diketoester and enamine/ketimine groups wherein the enamine/ketimine groups predominate. This mixture is dynamic and beta-diketoester groups and enamine/ketimine groups are constantly interchanging.

